DATE: January 11, 2005

OFFER TO BUY: Fruit and Vegetable Products

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase 38 fruit and vegetable products for donation to Needy Family and related domestic feeding programs, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required from April 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

PRODUCT	CONTAINER	U.S. GRADE	NO CASES
	SIZE		
Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	180,880
Grape Juice, Ctn	12/46 fl. oz.	A	23,000
Grape Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	65,688
Grapefruit Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	23,800
Pineapple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	35,520
Orange Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	164,696
Tomato Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	47,600
Cranberry Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	Per C.I.D.	124,712
Apple Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	129,600
Plums, Cnd	24/300	В	12,960
Dry, Blackeye Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	13,440
Dry, Lima Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	10,080
Dry, Grt. Northern Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	58,800
Dry, Pinto Beans	12/2 lb.	No. 1	127,680
Dry, Lt. Red Kidney Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	30,240
Green Beans, Cnd	24/300	В	184,680
Carrots, Cnd	24/300	A	45,360
Corn Cream, Cnd	24/300	В	34,020
Whole Kernel Corn, Cnd	24/300	В	220,320
Peas, Cnd	24/300	В	129,600
Sweet Potatoes, Cnd	24/300	A	13,770

	CONTAINER		
PRODUCT	SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO. CASES
Pumpkin, Cnd	24/300	A	12,960
Mixed Vegetables, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D.	6,480
Vegetable Soup, Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	57,200
Tomato Soup Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	26,400
Spinach, Cnd	24/300	A	24,225
Tomatoes, Cnd	24/300	В	90,720
Tomatoes, Diced, Cnd	24/300	В	8,100
Potatoes, Sliced, Cnd	24/300	A	79,560
Tomato Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	62,730
Spaghetti Sauce, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D.	126,360
Refried Beans, Cnd	24/300	No. 2	52,020
Vegetarian Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	50,490
Blackeye Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	33,660
Light Red Kidney Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	10,710
Dehydrated Potatoes	12/1 lb.	Per USDA	110,000
Syrup, Corn	12/24 oz.	Per USDA	13,068
Plums, Dried	24/1 lb.	В	4,500

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 2546 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.